

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

(1) At page 1, between line 1 and the title, please insert the following section heading:

Q¹ --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention--.

(2) At page 1, please replace the following paragraph beginning at line 1 as follows:

Q² The present invention generally relates to video compression, and more particularly, to a video coding method applied to a video sequence and provided for use in a video encoder comprising base layer coding means , receiving said video sequence and generating therefrom base layer signals that correspond to video objects (Vos) contained in the video frames of said sequence and constitute a first bitstream suitable for transmission at a base layer bit rate to video decoder, and enhancement layer coding means, receiving said video sequence and a decoded version of said base layer signals and generating therefrom enhancement layer signals associated with corresponding base layer video signals and suitable for transmission at an enhancement layer bit rate to said video decoder.

2. Description of the Related Art .

More precisely, it **the present invention** relates to a method allowing to code the VOs of said sequence and comprising the steps of:--

(3) At page 2, line 24, please insert the following section heading:

Q³ --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

(4) At page 2, line 33, please insert the following section heading:

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING ;

(5) At page 3, line 5, please insert the following section heading:

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS .